

*These notes refer to the Crime and Security Act 2010
(c.17) which received Royal Assent on 8 April 2010*

CRIME AND SECURITY ACT 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

Private security

9. The Act amends the Private Security Industry Act 2001 to enable the Security Industry Authority to introduce a licensing regime for private security businesses, in particular vehicle immobilisation businesses. Such businesses will be prevented from operating without a relevant licence, with penalties of up to five years' imprisonment or a fine, or both. The Act contains a provision to extend the Approved Contractor Scheme in the 2001 Act to enable in-house private security services to apply for approved status.
10. The Act also amends the Private Security Industry Act 2001 to provide an independent avenue of appeal for motorists in respect of release fees imposed by businesses carrying out wheel clamping and related activities.